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## Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *October 02, Associated Press* — **Staying warm may cost more.** With the price of natural gas 15% higher than a year ago, an industry trade group is warning consumers not to be surprised if home-heating bills are higher this winter. While midyear concerns about inadequate supplies

have abated in recent weeks, the Natural Gas Supply Association notes in a study released Thursday, October 2, that homeowners could be squeezed anyway this winter because utilities paid high prices this summer to replenish their inventories. A prolonged cold snap could exacerbate supply tightness, says William Transier, the association's chairman. **"The competitive market remains very vulnerable to the severity of the weather and the price volatility that a colder winter can bring," Transier says.** Last year, prices shot up because of low temperatures in the Northeast, Midwest and Mid-Atlantic states, where natural gas consumption is highest. **While winter is the "largest single factor affecting natural gas demand and customer bills," the report says weak demand for fuel in the struggling manufacturing sector could help moderate prices.**

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/energy/2003-10-02-natural-gas-costs\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/energy/2003-10-02-natural-gas-costs_x.htm)

2. *October 01, Reuters* — **FirstEnergy reviews nuclear safety plan for NRC.** FirstEnergy Corp. told regulators on Wednesday, October 1, it was establishing "a proactive safety culture that is built to last" in the utility's nuclear fleet. Officials at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) have identified a lack of commitment to plant safety as contributing to FirstEnergy's failure to identify acid leaks in the Davis-Besse reactor vessel cap until they had chewed a 6-inch hole through the steel lid, which forced the closure of the Ohio plant in February 2002. **Jack Grobe, a senior manager at the NRC, who is heading the commission's panel reviewing FirstEnergy's effort to put the plant back on the Midwest power grid, said Davis-Besse was plagued by "inconsistencies in goals and expectations and a lack of communication" throughout the plant. The NRC meeting followed a glitch Tuesday, September 30, at Davis-Besse after the completion of a test to make sure the reactor cooling system does not leak.** A FirstEnergy spokesperson said plant operators had withdrawn some control rods from the reactor core when they should have been left in place.  
Source: [http://biz.yahoo.com/rc/031001/utilities\\_firstenergy\\_davisbesse\\_1.html](http://biz.yahoo.com/rc/031001/utilities_firstenergy_davisbesse_1.html)

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## Chemical Sector

Nothing to report.

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## Defense Industrial Base Sector

3. *October 02, Associated Press* — **Navy may move one of its carriers. One aircraft carrier may be moved permanently from the continental United States to Hawaii or Guam so that the Navy could respond more quickly to a crisis in North Korea or elsewhere in the Asia-Pacific region,** the Pacific Fleet commander said Wednesday, October 1. Admiral Walter F. Doran, who is responsible for all Navy ships in the Pacific, said it is unclear whether the carrier would move from an East Coast or a West Coast base, and that no decisions have been made. The Navy has five carriers based on the West Coast, six on the East Coast and one in Japan. The possibility of a carrier move is part of a broader Pentagon study on repositioning forces around the world to reflect new priorities. Although the war on terrorism is currently

focused mainly on the Persian Gulf region and Central Asia, the Asia-Pacific region is attracting more terrorist groups, Doran said. The Bush administration also is concerned about the communist regime of North Korea and its potential for exporting the nuclear and ballistic missile capabilities it acknowledges it is developing.

Source: [http://www.military.com/NewsContent?file=FL\\_navy\\_100203](http://www.military.com/NewsContent?file=FL_navy_100203)

4. *October 01, National Defense Magazine* — **Major advances predicted for defense technologies.** Technological innovations targeted for military use also will have broad applications for homeland defense over the next decade, according to a panel of experts convened recently by the Battelle Memorial Institute, in Columbus, OH. **The panel forecast major advances in such fields as information and intelligence management, renewable energy sources, non-lethal weapons, detection and tracking systems, medical inoculations, cybernetics, individual warning devices, deployment and mobility, building safety, and military clothing and equipment.** "The result will be a transformation of U.S. national security over the next 10 years," said retired Marine General Charles E. Wilhelm, Battelle's vice president for homeland security.

Source: <http://nationaldefense.ndia.org/article.cfm?Id=1226>

5. *October 01, Associated Press* — **Bush signs \$368B defense bill.** President Bush on Wednesday, October 1, signed a \$368 billion defense bill for next year, a measure Congress passed unanimously to underscore bipartisan consensus on the military's role in the fight against global terrorism. The bill represents an increase of about 1% for the fiscal year beginning October 1. That does not include spending for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Those costs were covered by a \$62.4 billion emergency spending bill this year, and Bush submitted a request for an additional \$66 billion as part of \$87 billion spending proposal for Iraq and Afghanistan. The defense spending bill is about \$3 billion below Bush's budget request. Congressional appropriators hoped to make up the difference later. **The bill includes an average military pay raise of 4.1%, funds 22 F-22 stealth fighters and provides about \$9 billion in missile defense programs – up \$1.4 billion from this year – and \$11.5 billion for shipbuilding, up \$2.4 billion.**

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2003-10-01-bush-defense\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2003-10-01-bush-defense_x.htm)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

6. *October 02, The Honolulu Advertiser* — **Ex-broker indicted in identity theft.** A former Honolulu, HI, securities broker was indicted by an Oahu, HI, grand jury on Wednesday, October 1, for allegedly stealing the identity of a Honolulu man and using it to gain control of \$531,000 worth of cash and stocks. Shawn B. McKay was indicted on 11 felony charges including identity theft, fraud, forgery, theft and money laundering. McKay is accused of collecting personal information about the victim while working for a Honolulu investment firm where the victim had an account. McKay allegedly used the information to open an account under the victim's name at a different investment firm. City deputy prosecutor Randal Lee said the incident should serve as a warning to people who trust investment companies implicitly that they need to keep tabs on their holdings to make sure nothing has gone awry.

Source: [http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2003/Oct/02/In/In3\\_4a.html](http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2003/Oct/02/In/In3_4a.html)

7. *October 02, The Baltimore Sun* — **Bank to forfeit \$950,000 in money laundering.** A New York bank agreed on Wednesday, October 1, in U.S. District Court in Baltimore, MD, to forfeit \$950,000 for failing to report a series of suspicious transactions that federal authorities said could have helped fuel a vast underground system used to launder international drug profits. The Miami, FL, branch of Delta National Bank and Trust Co. was identified as having failed to file the required reports during a broad investigation of drug-money laundering led by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents in Baltimore. **The undercover investigation, dubbed Operation Laundry Chute, chiefly targeted Colombian drug traffickers who use a system known as the "Black Market Peso Exchange" to launder profits from illegal drug sales.** Delta Bank President John D. Landers appeared before U.S. District Judge J. Frederick Motz to enter a guilty plea on behalf of the institution for its role. Landers acknowledged that the bank had failed to file suspicious activity reports with the Treasury Department's Crimes Enforcement Network on a series of foreign currency exchange transactions that federal prosecutors said totaled \$5 million to \$10 million. Source: <http://www.sunspot.net/news/local/bal-md.bank02oct02.0.679404.story?coll=bal-local-headlines>
8. *October 02, The Cincinnati Post* — **Theft ring busted. More than \$100 million was generated in a money laundering scheme that used a dozen convenience stores in Cincinnati's poorest neighborhoods to sell stolen goods, say police and prosecutors, who believe the money may then have been used to fund terrorism around the globe.** "It's a strong suspicion that there is" a tie to the money being sent overseas and terrorism, Cincinnati Police Chief Tom Streicher said on Thursday, October 2. Omran Saleh, a Canton, OH, resident who also has a Cincinnati address, is the head of the organized crime unit that bought stolen goods at cheap prices and then resold the goods at extremely inflated prices in the stores, say police. Police can prove that \$37 million went through the bank accounts of Saleh, Streicher said, estimating that amount was "only a third" of what authorities suspect will be proved to have been generated from illegal enterprise. **Much of that money, the chief added, has been sent back to Middle Eastern countries, often in amounts just under the \$10,000 limit that requires the transfer to be reported to the U.S. government. "We can document that money is being sent to the Middle East," Streicher said.** Source: <http://www.cincypost.com/2003/10/02/crime100203.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

9. *October 02, Associated Press* — **Amtrak agreement delays strike.** A planned walkout by Amtrak train employees was delayed Wednesday when the unions agreed to defer the job action until October 20, the date set for a hearing on the passenger railroad's motion for a preliminary injunction. Members of unions representing 8,000 of Amtrak's 21,000 employees had said they'd walk off the job Friday to protest what they call the railroad's chronic underfunding by the government. "No strike on Friday," said Amtrak spokesman Dan Stessel, adding the railroad's management believes such an action would undermine support in Congress for funding. The railroad had sought a temporary restraining order from the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. **Charles Money Penny, director of the**

railroad division of the Transport Workers Union of America, said the unions don't want to shut the railroad down. Instead, he said, they are trying to prevent it from being shut down because of a serious accident resulting from years of inadequate maintenance. The House of Representatives agreed this month to give the railway \$900 million next year. The Senate is proposing \$1.346 billion.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/TRAVEL/10/02/bi.amtrak.walkout.ap/>

10. *October 02, PRNewswire* — **Whistle-stop train delivers Hazmat safety message.** A special train operated by Norfolk Southern Railway Company will visit five southeastern cities October 7–11 to **promote Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response (TRANSCAER), a nationwide program to increase community understanding of the safe transportation of hazardous materials and the importance of emergency planning.** At each location, state and local emergency planning committees, emergency responders and government officials can participate in hands-on drills and training sessions. Railroad training tank cars, specialized emergency response vehicles and over-the-road tank trucks will be on display. This is the fourth TRANSCAER train Norfolk Southern has sponsored since 1994. More information, including local contacts, tour times and program information are available at [www.transcaer.org](http://www.transcaer.org). TRANSCAER members include volunteer representatives from the chemical manufacturing, transportation, distribution and emergency response industries and government.

Source: [http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/031002/chth012\\_1.html](http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/031002/chth012_1.html)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

11. *October 02, Associated Press* — **Shipping industry diversifies to survive.** Kurt Kuehn, senior vice president of investor relations at United Parcel Service Inc. (UPS) said that home deliveries have been good, but business-to-business deliveries have lagged behind expectations. **Likewise, executives at FedEx Corp. were disappointed with shipping volumes in the retail and manufacturing sectors during the June–August period, its fiscal first quarter, although the company reported its first quarterly increase in U.S. express-delivery volume in two and one half years.** To be sure, FedEx and UPS, the biggest integrated shipping companies, have weathered these tough financial times pretty well. They've cut costs, brought in new customers in underserved international markets and focused on expanding niche businesses domestically. **A year ago FedEx committed \$1.8 billion to nearly double the size of its ground transportation unit, FedEx Ground, by 2009, in a bid to increase market share in an area where UPS is the industry leader. UPS, meanwhile, has made gains in the lucrative domestic air parcel business dominated by FedEx.** In discussing FedEx's 19 percent decline in fiscal first quarter profit with analysts last month, Mike Glenn, the company's executive vice president of market development and corporate communications, noted that "improvement in retail sales didn't translate into improvement in demand for shipping."

Source: <http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednews/2003/10/02/build/business/32-shipping.inc>

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## Agriculture Sector

12. *October 02, USAgNet* — **Europe may buy more U.S. feed wheat. The European Commission may allow increased imports of low-and medium-grade U.S. wheat to offset a shortage of corn brought on by drought conditions**, European Union (EU) officials said Tuesday, September 30. The Commission could grant U.S. exporters additional capacity under their existing tariff quota, they said, following a request for such a move from feed makers at a meeting between EU officials and grain trade representatives last week. The plan would involve changes to the EU's wheat import quota system, which took effect in January and is designed to curb the flow of cheap wheat from Russia and Ukraine. The EU currently operates an annual 572,000 metric ton quota for the United States and a 2.37 million ton quota for other third countries. Both quotas carry a 12 euro per ton tariff. **Ukrainian and Russian exporters are struggling to fill their quota this season due to lower crops and a lack of exportable grain. As of September 22, wheat imports under the 2.37 million ton quota for 2003, had reached only 1.4 million tons, with a little over three months to go.**

Source: [http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-national.cfm?Id=1\\_067&yr=2003](http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-national.cfm?Id=1_067&yr=2003)

13. *October 02, Reuters* — **Scientists say warming could cut crops. Scientists said on Thursday, October 2, that global warming could slash Russia's crucial grain harvests if President Vladimir Putin and other world leaders refuse to endorse the United Nations (UN) Kyoto Protocol.** About 1,000 scientists at a World Climate Change Conference in Moscow ending on Friday were sharply divided over Putin's belief that Russians could benefit overall from a world with warmer winters. But some experts say that agricultural output in the key southern grain areas could be hit by a forecast decline in rains even though a warmer climate will extend growing areas further north as the permafrost thaws in Siberia. Putin said on Monday that he needed more time to decide whether to ratify the UN's Kyoto Protocol, which hinges on Russian ratification to take effect. **Kyoto seeks to rein in emissions of gases like carbon dioxide released by cars and factories. The gases are blamed for blanketing the planet and driving up temperatures.**

Source: [http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml;jsessionid=L0I0QB2Z\\_H5FQ4CRBAEOCFEY?type=scienceNews&storyID=3547713](http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml;jsessionid=L0I0QB2Z_H5FQ4CRBAEOCFEY?type=scienceNews&storyID=3547713)

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## Food Sector

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## Water Sector

14. *October 02, ABC News (Australia)* — **Water efficiency plan to save \$600m annually. The Australian government has estimated that domestic water use could be cut by five per cent and save \$600 million a year with the introduction of an efficiency labelling system for appliances.** It will operate along the same lines as the energy efficiency rating system and

will require manufacturers to label appliances such as showerheads, toilets, washing machines and dishwashers. **Federal Environment Minister David Kemp says today's meeting also agreed to develop guidelines to promote the safe re-use and recycling of wastewater for non-drinking purposes.** "It's clear that there is a lot of consumer support for the use of grey water in certain applications and for the use of properly treated sewage water particularly in agricultural and gardening activities," he said. He said the new labeling scheme would make significant water savings. "By 2021, we estimate that some 87 gigalitres a year will be saved a very significant amount of water. "It will result in savings to the community of over \$600 million a year."

Source: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/australia/wa/metwa-2oct2003-10.htm>

**15. *October 01, Garden City Telegram (Kansas)* — Water congress getting off the ground.**

Traveling across the state for the past seven months to tell people about the Kansas Water Congress has been a long process, said David Brenn of Garden City. **Brenn, one of the directors of the congress, is taking the organization's message to chamber of commerce groups, the League of Kansas Municipalities, the Farm Bureau and a variety of state agencies to find members. The organization is still in the start-up stages of development.** "Two years ago, I began looking at a process of water policy development and how it could effectively deal with water issues. I was looking for an entity outside of government," Brenn said. **Brenn said the mission of the Kansas Water Congress is to promote the wise management and stewardship of the state's water resources, to protect and conserve and develop Kansas water resources for the benefit of present and future generations. Members represent every type of water user in the state.** Now, the congress has about 30 members, including people from water basin groups like the Upper Arkansas Water Basin Advisory Committee, groundwater management districts, cities, agriculture, engineering, banking and wildlife conservation.

Source: <http://www.gctelegram.com/news/2003/october/1/story3.html>

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## **Public Health Sector**

**16. *October 02, ComputerWeekly* — Volunteer grid tackles smallpox research. Researchers have narrowed the search for a new treatment for smallpox using the computing power of 2.5 million PCs donated by volunteers from around the world. Smallpox, although eliminated since 1977, is now seen as a possible terrorist weapon.** The existing smallpox vaccine may produce serious side effects, including death in rare cases, and many people, including young children and pregnant mothers, are advised not to be vaccinated. The volunteered computing power, set up in a grid through grid.org, contributed more than 250,000 years of computing time in the eight-month Smallpox Research Grid Project. The project screened 35 million potential drug molecules against nine models of the smallpox protein to determine if any of the molecules were able to treat the smallpox protein inactive. **From those 35 million molecules, the project, using PCs from volunteers in 190 nations, narrowed the list to 44 that looked most promising and could be used in further smallpox research.** The smallpox results would have taken years to complete with the computing power available at most companies or universities, organizers said, but the volunteer project at grid.org completed the work in a fraction of that time.

Source: <http://www.computerweekly.com/articles/article.asp?liArticleID=125344&liArticleTypeID=1&liCategoryID=6&liChannelID=4&liFavourID=1&sSearch=&nPage=1>

17. *October 02, Associated Press* — **Hong Kong SARS report faults government.** Hong Kong's response to severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) crisis showed "clearly significant shortcomings" but no individuals should be singled out for blame, according to a report released Thursday, October 2. **The report by an outside panel of experts praised the efforts of all those who fought the outbreak of SARS, which infected 1,755 people in Hong Kong and killed 299, but it said their work was complicated by a number of problems that could have been prevented.** Hong Kong was placed at a disadvantage by a lack of information from China's neighboring Guangdong province, where the disease originated late last year, the experts said. **The 172–page report cited a failure of communication between the Hospital Authority, the Hong Kong Department of Health and university health experts when the disease appeared. No contingency plan had been in place for such an outbreak, and there were weaknesses in infection control in the hospitals, the report said. In addition, health workers were inadequately trained in infection control, and there were design problems in the hospitals including the spacing between beds and ventilation.**

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2003-10-02-sars-report\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2003-10-02-sars-report_x.htm)

18. *October 02, Associated Press* — **West Nile may hit California hard.** Westward expansion of the West Nile virus has prompted the government to look to California as the possible epicenter of next year's virus season. **Officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) believe the mosquito–borne illness will hit the West Coast hard next year, particularly California, said Dr. Lyle Petersen, acting director of the CDC's division of vector–borne diseases. That's because the virus emerged in that area for the first time this season. Health officials believe human cases erupt one season after it first appears in the environment.** Petersen said the CDC will be giving more money to California to improve virus surveillance and public education to prevent people from being infected. Although treatments and vaccines against the virus are being worked on, they are still years away from public use, officials said. CDC officials estimate the 2002 outbreak cost the country at least \$200 million in medical services.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2003/09/23/health/main574689.shtml>

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## **Government Sector**

19. *October 02, Associated Press* — **Senator critical of U.S.–Canadian border security. The federal government isn't doing enough to improve security measures along the United States–Canadian border in New York state, according to Sen. Charles Schumer.** Schumer has issued a report outlining what's been done to shore up security in New York. As for border security, Schumer gives the government a "C" for its efforts in New York. The senator said personnel has been increased, but not enough. **Schumer said the busy border crossing at Champlain, north of Plattsburgh, is outdated, inadequate and in need of an upgrade.** He said security along the less–traveled crossings on rural back roads in Franklin and Clinton counties must be increased.



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## **Emergency Services Sector**

20. *October 02, Associated Press* — **Crews trained for chemical, biological or nuclear attack. Search and rescue teams in 28 cities now have the equipment and training to respond to chemical, biological or nuclear attacks as the government takes steps to prepare for potential terrorist strikes.** "Now we've got people who are the first responders, who are able to get in the building, do the extraction, and also do the decontamination," said Michael Brown, undersecretary for emergency preparedness and response at the Homeland Security Department. The crews are trained to search for victims in the concrete and steel of buildings toppled by a natural disaster or bombing. **Each 62-member task force is gaining eight people trained in hazardous material detection and decontamination. They are equipped with protective suits, breathing tanks, gas masks, radiation and air sampling machinery, and antidotes and medicine to treat illnesses caused by radiation, chemical or biological exposure.** There are eight crews in California, where the urban search and rescue teams originated as an earthquake response program. Virginia and Florida each have two each and there are teams in Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Texas, Nebraska, Missouri, Indiana, Tennessee, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York and Maryland.

Source: <http://www.fema.gov/press/ap/ap100203.shtm>

21. *October 02, Government Technology* — **E911 Committee formed. The E911 Institute announced the formation of a broad-based committee of industry and public safety organizations to examine implementation, performance and operational issues related to wireless E911 systems.** "The Wireless Networks Committee will help the industry and policy makers address this critical public safety issue," said Greg Rohde, executive director of the E911 Institute. **Today, just 10 percent of the 911 calls made from wireless phones utilize E911 location technology that allows public-safety dispatchers to pinpoint the location of a distressed caller.** The Wireless Networks Committee will be a storehouse for educational materials regarding wireless networks and E911 emergency communications.

Source: <http://www.govtech.net/news/news.php?id=2003.10.02-70858>

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## **Information and Telecommunications Sector**

22. *October 02, General Accounting Office* — **Testimony—GAO-04-140T: Critical Infrastructure Protection: Challenges in Securing Control Systems. Computerized control systems perform vital functions across many of our nation's critical infrastructures.** For example, in natural gas distribution, they can monitor and control the pressure and flow of gas through pipelines; in the electric power industry, they can monitor and control the current and voltage of electricity through relays and circuit breakers; and in water treatment facilities, they can monitor and adjust water levels, pressure, and chemicals used for purification. In October 1997, the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection emphasized the

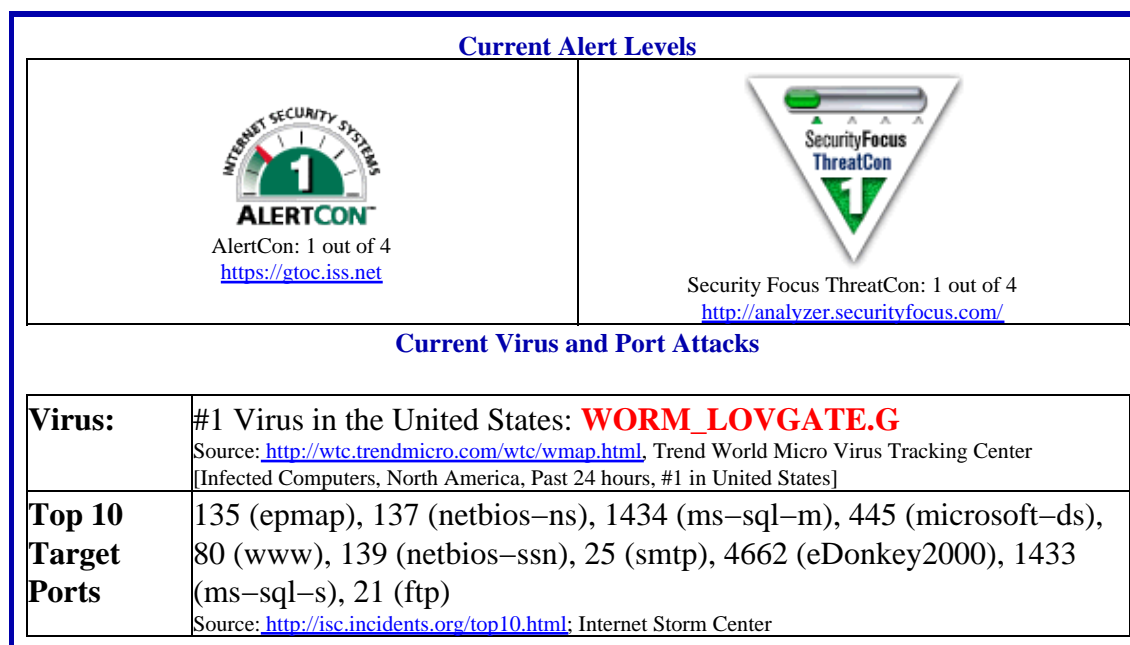
increasing vulnerability of control systems to cyber attacks. The House Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations, and the Census asked GAO to testify on potential cyber vulnerabilities. **GAO's testimony focused on (1) significant cybersecurity risks associated with control systems; (2) potential and reported cyber attacks against these systems; (3) key challenges to securing control systems; and (4) steps that can be taken to strengthen the security of control systems**, including current federal and private-sector initiatives.

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-04-140T>

23. *October 02, IDG News Service* — **Trojan uses MS hole to hijack Web browsers.** Computer hackers have found a way to exploit an unpatched hole in Microsoft's Internet Explorer (IE) Web browser, using a specially designed attack Website to install a Trojan horse program called Qhosts-1 on vulnerable Windows machines. **The Trojan program changes the DNS (Domain Name System) configuration on the Windows machine so that requests for popular Web search engines bring the Web surfer to a Website maintained by the hackers instead, according to warnings from leading security companies.** The attacks are just the latest in a string of online scams that rely on a flaw in IE known as the "ObjectData" vulnerability. Microsoft released a patch for the ObjectData vulnerability, MS03-032, in August. However, even machines that applied that patch are vulnerable to the latest attack because of holes in that security patch. **Microsoft said Thursday, October 2, that it was investigating reports of exploits for a variation on a vulnerability originally patched in Microsoft Security Bulletin MS03-032 and would release a fix for that hole shortly.** A company spokesman could not say when the patch update will be released. The company recommended that users install the latest Windows updates and change their IE Internet security zone settings to notify the user when suspicious programs are being run.

Source: [http://www.infoworld.com/article/03/10/02/HNtrojanhack\\_1.htm](http://www.infoworld.com/article/03/10/02/HNtrojanhack_1.htm)

### Internet Alert Dashboard



## **General Sector**

### **24. *October 02, New York Times* — North Korea says it is using plutonium to make A-bombs.**

With nuclear talks expected in weeks, **North Korea said Thursday, October 2, that it had completed reprocessing 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods and is using the plutonium to make atomic bombs.** But with an eye to a "red line" unofficially drawn by the Bush Administration, a North Korean diplomat said in New York that his impoverished nation would not export its bombs or its bomb-making capacity to other countries. **Secretary of State Colin L. Powell said Thursday that the latest assertions by North Korea were of "serious concern," but he also said that the United States had no evidence to confirm them,** and added that American diplomatic efforts with Pyongyang would continue.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/10/02/international/asia/02CND-K-ORE.html?hp>

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